Hadley April 23d 1809 - Mr Riddel preached from Psalms in the morning 23d 1st The Lord is my Shepherd therefore I shall not want - this afternoon from Romans 3d 23d do we make void the law thro' faith nay we establish the law - - I had an ill turn at meeting & was obliged to go out - - soon I expect to be confined altogether, what the event will be of my confinement is known only to him who knoweth all things - may he in infinite compassion prepare me for what ever may be his pleasure - if it please thee O Lord grant me a safe and easy deliverance out of my trouble, I desire to give my self up to thee; let me not consider my self as my own, but as thine and may I feel a pleasure in committing my self into thy hands - my husband is gone to seek a place for himself and family - direct bless and prosper him & return him in due time in safety - & O God of compassion I beseech thee regard thy children, with a gracious eye - O Lord they perish without thee, interpose I beseech thee for their salvation, make me to feel more sensibly their perishing necessities - and let me not rest till I have comfortable evidence that they are born again - forgive my sins - accept of me and all dear to me and to God the Father Son and Holy Ghost be praises everlasting amen -

April 30th 1809 - Mr. Austin preached from Psalms 39th 7th all day - what wait I for my hope is in thee - there was something peculiarly solemn in his prayers - which seemed to shew that he had a heavenly mind - and could take hold of the promises - sometimes I flatter myself I have felt the same - I tho't I could say my God and my Redeemer - but I have so revolted, that my evidences are less clear, and I do not feel that sensible comfort which I have done - let it be that I am thine O Lord, and then wilt thou not enable me to cry after thee and follow thee even in darkness and doubt - Mr. H - has been gone near a fortnight - to see if the Lord has a work for him to do in less than that time I hope to see him - attended by the blessing of a covenant keeping God - Look I beseech thee O God of mercy on these children, afar off by nature, O may they be bro't nigh by the blood of Christ - leave them not O Divine Saviour I entreat thee to perish in their sins but in great kindness pluck them as brands out of the burning and say unto their souls live - help us in our duty to them and make us all at last happy in the presence of the great Redeemer make amen -

May 7th I attended meeting all day again, we had no preaching, two of Witherspoon's sermons were read from these words, "if thou Lord shouldst mark iniquity, O Lord who could stand — but there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared" I go to meeting and return again, I fear without any saving benefit — O touch this rocky heart, and transform it into a temple of thy grace — and remember also my children, I can not leave praying to thee till thou bless them, & send thy Spirit into their hearts to awaken convince & convert them and let each of them be a monument of thy boundless grace — O Lord I entreat thee still to care for me, thou hast been my helper in trouble & leave me not now I pray thee but carry me safely thro' and let me yet live to serve and praise thee, & thine shall be the glory forever am

18th June — It is three weeks today since I was safely delivered, once more of a living healthy and promising child — about a quarter before ten on Sabbath morning, being the 28th of May 1809 — my sixth child was bro't into the

world; I have been greatly favoured thro'
the whole scene, Mr. H—'s absence was dis=
agreeable, but my friends did all they could to
make me comfortable and happy—. and now
what shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits
wherewith shall I come before the Lord?— alas
all that I have is sin and unworthiness—
and if I would offer any thing acceptable, it
must first be derived from him— O thou
Holy Spirit, assist me to ascribe glory &
praise to him who worketh deliverance for
me— and enable ~~me~~ me to dedicate this little
immortal—to God his Creator— I entreat
thee to own him as thine—and enable us
the parents to bring him up, and our other
children likewise, in the fear & love of God—
furnish us with grace to be faithful, and
make us the happy instruments of their
salvation— provide a place ~~soon~~ if it please
thee, where we may unite our efforts to this
desirable end—. Remember mercy for all
dear to me, as their circumstances require
especially bless them with an interest in
the new and everlasting covenant— and may
we all at last join in celebrating the
praises of redeeming love for the sake of Jesus
the great high Priest—to whom be glory for
ever amen— —

June 30th Last sabbath by the indulgence of a kind Providence I was enabled to go to the house of God ~~w~~ & attempted to join with my husband in dedicating our ~~xxx~~ sixth child to his Maker his name was called John Whiting — all the outward circumstances of his birth and baptism were ordered in mercy — ~~a~~ but I did not feel that life and comfort which I sometimes do — O forgive, gracious and merciful God all my coldness, and enable me to be hence forth more entirely thine, and useful in thy service — O help me to set up my Ebenezer; what abundant cause have I at all times but especially after such signal interpositions in my behalf O that I might feel love and gratitude as I ought to feel — help me O Spirit of grace and make me such as I ought to be — and may these children all be interested in the covenant of grace, and not one fail of thy grace; remember all my friends in mercy, and at last bring us all into thy kingdom, thro' the atoning blood of the Lamb of God who ~~taketh~~ away the sins of the world, to whom with the Father and Holy Spirit be praise everlasting amen —

July 2d This day I have again attended meeting all day with all my six children - great is the goodness of God - this evening I hope I was assisted to instruct the children in some important truths, & I entreat thee O Lord to seal it to their hearts - make me by thy grace faithful to their souls - , & may I oneman in my attempts to convince them of their duty - Mr Taylor preached from 1st Thessalonians 2d 13th - in the afternoon from 1st Kings 2d - 28th - Never O Lord God of my Salvation let me forget thy mercies to me and mine, and may a sense of them ever engage me to confidence in thee and cheerful submission to all thy will - bless all dear to me with an interest in thy favour for Christ's sake amen -

July 16th Today William is 5 years old - I desire ~~on~~ on the birth days of my children to remember with gratitude the kind hand which hath wrought deliverance, in so many distressing seasons, for me who deserve instead of all these blessings banishment from thy presence forever - praised be thy name O Lord - for thy mercies - O make me to feel my obligations to be thine & I pray thee assist me in all those duties thou art calling me to perform -

thou knowest my weakness and insufficiency
let thy grace I pray thee be sufficient
for me, and enable me to train up
these dear immortals for thy kingdom
receive them blessed Emmanuel into thy
gracious arms and have them not one
of them to perish -- Doctor Parsons
preached from Hosea 8th 12th I have
written to him the great things of my
law but they were counted as a
strange thing -- bless thy word to
the salvation of many souls - and make
me and all dear to me useful in life
faithful in thy service and blessed
forever in thy kingdom for Jesus sake amen

July 28th Friday evening - This day my dear little boy
is 2 months old - Praised be the Lord for his
continual care over me and mine - Last sab-
-bath, in the morning Mr Hyde preached
from Romans 14th 12th - So then every one of
us must give account of himself to God
in the afternoon Mr Taylor preached from Romans 7th 9th

July 30th Sabbath evening - Mr Taylor preached in the morning
from Hebrews 11th - 2d For by it the elders obtained a
good report - this afternoon in Phillippians 2d chapter -
5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th & 11th verses - Mr Jacob Smith
had a child baptized by the name of Martha -- Gra-
-cious God forgive my sins, and own me and my chil-
-dren in the covenant of thy love, and may all dear
to me be thine and finally accepted thro' the Son of thy
love - amen -

August 7th monday evening –
Yesterday I attended meeting all day – the Lords supper was administered here – and a woman admitted to the church and baptized by the name of Sally in the afternoon she brot her child, named Otis – Mr Taylor preached in the morning from Mark – my soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death – in the afternoon Jeremiah 1st chapter, 17th 18th & 19th verses – – I endeavoured at the Lords table to dedicate myself and my children renewedly to my heavenly Father and hope I had some sense of the importance of the transaction – and the worth of souls – but I am so barren and lifeless that it is wonderful God does not cut me off as an abuser of his mercies – forgive me I pray thee O Lord all my sins and accept of me and mine in the worthy name of Jesus Christ, thro' whom alone ~~sinners~~ sinners may find acceptance with a holy God, to whom be praises forever amen – –

August 13th Mr Pruden preached from Matthew 5th last verse in the forenoon – Be ye perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect – this afternoon the text was in Matthew 6th – for if ye forgive men their trespasses &c –

Hadley July 29th 1809 Saturday even.
Did my feelings in any measure cor
respond with the benefits I receive,
praises would continually ascend to
God for his mercies — but alas!
this stupid heart refuses to give
all glory to God — the world and its
multiplied employments, occupies
that place in my affections which
belongs only to the blessed God — two
months ago yesterday, I was made the
mother of another healthy and prom
ising child — all was merciful
and kind — when he was a month
old we attempted to dedicate
him to his Maker; but I have
to mourn over my coldness, &
want of faith —. The Lord has still
blessed us and made us all yet
to live and enjoy innumerable
favours. — O ~~that~~ I might be
enabled to give up all to
him who ~~[illegible]~~ is able to
keep what is committed to
him, I would leave all with
thee prepare us all to serve
thee in thy day, and may
~~[illegible]~~ we all join at last
~~that~~ in praising father son and Holy
now & who am [illegible]

August 12th 1809 –
What a happiness do they enjoy who can say my Redeem-er is mine – and I am his – and can with satisfaction view the weeks which are convey-ing them home to their Father house –. The world and worldly things are constantly pushing out of my mind the most important of all concerns – & tho' I at times feel anxious for the future welfare of my children – yet I fall vastly short of what I ought to do for them – Come down, O thou Holy Spirit, enliven this drowsy heart – bid all the powers of my soul engage in acts of piety and devotion this evening –. my husband tho' at the distance of 60 miles, has proposed, this evening to meet me in prayer at the throne of grace;

to supplicate a blessing on
us our children and friends
and to plead for the pros-
=perity of Zion — may we
both have a spirit of prayer,
and our services be acceptable
thro' Jesus the great Mediator,

Oct. 14th 1809 - Middletown — -
Surrounded by cares and necessary
business, how little time do I
enjoy for serious secret devotion
and how seldom do I meet
my heavenly friend, in acts
of solemn worship — O pity
me, my Father, and fulfil
thy promise, that the bruised
reed shall not be broken,
nor the smoking flax quench
=ed, tho' insensible cold &
lifeless — still I would hope
that a spark of grace has
been implanted in my soul
and if so it will remain —
but my backslidings have
been so great, that it

leads me to fear I am
deceiving myself - search me
O God and shew me to my
self - and let me not be
deceived in a matter so
infinitely important -
O help me to plead for the
children, O how little do I
do for them, - forgive me
O Lord - and help me in future
to ~~[illegible]~~ serve thee
more acceptably -
Oct - 28th A week ago last Thurs-
day - brother & sister came to see
us, and staid till Tuesday morn-
ing - their child was quite sick
while here but better when they
went away - - Week after week
is swiftly passing, and what am
I doing? - is my peace made
with God? - am I one of his
children? I may also make
the same enquiry with regard

ourselves surrounded with blessings all these let me remember bring from the God of all mercy and all kindly for our love and gratitude — to thee therefore let me devote myself and all ~~that~~ I possess — what else should I do? — O assist me gracious God — and ~~let these~~ children all become savingly united to Jesus Christ and be made ~~thine~~ in the day when thou shall make up thy jewels — pardon all our sins, bless us this year also, and let new gratitude and praise mark every day and may all dear to us be united to Christ and at last be admitted to celebrate the praises of redeeming love and grace ~~thro' eternity for Christs~~ sake amen — —

Dec. 2d. Another week has borne
its account to the records of
heaven - and what have I
done for him who is constan[tly]
ly doing for me, O nothing bu[t]
sin marks my steps, and a
wandering sheep I prove to be
from God & duty - O restore
me by thy grace - & mak[e]
me more faithful in future
I ask thy blessing to pre-
pare me for the duties of
the sabbath - O meet me
in thy ordinances - and shed
upon me with heavenly
consolation - & O remem[ber]
bee my children, give the[m]
all a portion from thy
fullness I ask not for
them worldly good things
but I beseech thee make
their hearts subjects of
gospel holiness; and m[ay]

greatly prospered me in all
the labours of this day - &
now I pray for his assistance
while I attempt to worship
him in secret & in the family
and I pray also for his presence
on the morrow while I approa
=ch his table if I am allowed
the privilege - O let it not be
an empty formality but may
it be indeed such a refreshment
to my soul as shall enable me
in future to be more active
and diligent in his service -
remember these children O be
not weary of our petitions tho'
we cry unto thee night &
day on their behalf - hear
also when I plead for all dear
to me - that not one soul
may be lost - but finally have
the unspeakable happiness
of meeting at thy right hand
forever to celebrate the praises
of our glorious Redeemer amen -

Nov. 11th What a difficult task
it is to bring up children - &
O how conspicuous in all their
conduct almost is, that corru
fountain, from which these p
luted streams flow - Great Go
I would again appear before th
to implore upon my childr
the infinite blessing which
thou alone canst grant, a
renewed a sanctified natur
vain are all my attempts to in
struct them unless thou send
thy Spirit to impress it up
their mind; I would thank
thee O Lord - for any assistan
which thou affordest - O bl
the Holy Ghost make saving a
plication of Divine truth up
their mind and bring them
all every one to a saving k
ledge of the truth as it is in
Jesus Christ - thou art able, O
help Lord they perish without
thy grace - remember mercy

for all that are dear to me
my parents who are thus
solitary - O be unto them I
pray thee, better than any
earthly good, and may creat
ed objects lose their relish
and God and divine things
be their chief consolation -
help me O Lord in the duties
of the sabbath - make me
to keep it holy - drive away
from my mind all worldly
cares and thots and fill
it with heavenly objects -
that I may enjoy thee in
all thy ordinances & institutions
for Jesus sake who only is worthy
Nov. 26th Last Sabbath our parents
spent with us - praised be the
Lord for all his goodness to us
and them; we have heard of
their safe arrival at home,
for which we should be thank
ful - and multitudes of blessings
call continually for our gratitude

to my children – where are they going? – O thou Father of mercies – thou author of salvation hear me when I pray for their immortal souls which are placed under my care – forgive all my negligence and stupid-ity – make me useful to them I pray thee and make them blessings to us – but whatever thou seest best to deny them of a temporal nature I beseech thee not to deny them an interest in thy mercy – may all dear to us become dear unto thee and each of our names to be written in the Lamb's book of life

Nov. 4th 1809 – yesterday I attempt-ed to devote to special prayer and self denial – on account of my children – & hope I was ac-cepted – I had I thot some sense of the importance of salvation,

and the danger of their finally
failing arising from my own
negligence, and want of zeal
I besought the Lord for every one
severally and collectively — and
I intreated for him who was
then sick and from that hour
soon after he appeared in
a small degree relieved, &
is now apparently almost
recovered — but can it be that
the infinite God should notice
such a rebellious worm —? &
answer my poor petitions —?
I have many doubts, not of
his ability — but I sin I fear
in not believing him willing
to hear me — but when I
recollect what he hath done
for a guilty world how can I
doubt — he hath laid down
his life for sinners, and will
he not freely give us all things
he hath been very kind in dis-
posing me to talk to the chil
dren this evening — & hath

but O how unworthily do I con
duct- forgive O Lord I pray
thee all my sins and take
possession of my heart, and
purify it for thyself- - O
God of mercy hear me when
I cry unto thee for my
children - own them I pray
thee as thine and let them
all be numbered among
thy redeemed ones - - I give
them to thee - and pray that
for them and all dear to me
thou wilt secure the best
of blessings even the sure mer
cies of David- - -

Nov. 30th 1809- Thanksgiving day -
Thro' the goodness of God we
have all been spared another year
and another child has been added
to our number; we have passed
thro' a variety of scenes the last
year, and have not been call'd
to mourning and sorrow - our cup
is running over - and we find

all draw to me be at last partakers of thy glorious kingdom for the great Redeemers sake amen -

Dec. 16th When I compare my own heart, with the requirements of God's word, O how infinitely do I fall short - how can I be ever acceptable to him who is of purer eyes than to behold iniqui=ty - who perfectly holy, & will never clear the guilty - O blessed be his name, he hath purchased salvation at an infinite ex=pence - and all that will may come - but O incurable depravity - we never shall come unless drawn by Di=vine grace, and ~~trans~~latis made willing in the day of his power - O Almighty ~~Fa~~ther I entreat thee perform this work for my dear chil=dren - thou knowest the grief which I feel, at seeing

them following vanity & folly
O I beseech thee, arrest their
attention and so convince them
of their sins as to make them
fly to the only refuge of the
heavy laden soul – may Jesus
be to each of them, precious,
altogether lovely – and may
they be led on in the ways
of holiness safely thro' this
world to a ~~more~~ glorious
residence on high – – I leave
them with thee do for them
according to the riches of thy
grace in Jesus Christ &
may thy blessings attend
all dear to us & sanctify
thy dealings to my brother &
and sister, from whom thou
has taken a beloved child –
lead them to thyself, and let
them gain heavenly wisdom
by this affliction – may our
parents also experience largely
of thy goodness, and all of us
be prepared to spend an eterni-
ty in thy praise – amen –

I have again had the privilege of attending meeting all day — at times I can almost say I know in whom I have believed, but I have so many sins that they keep back good things from my soul — . I pray for thy direction O Lord this week with regard to the journey we are about to take shew us the path of duty, if I go — O Lord I entreat thee take care of these dear children. and bring us again together in due time prepared for such a favor — but O Lord especially make our hearts willing in the day of thy power and suffer not one of us to fail of thy salvation — — for Christ's sake amen

Sept. 10th Mr. Taylor preached from in the morning from 2 Peter, 1st 3d — This afternoon from Revela=tion, 3d 20th Behold I stand at the door &c. of what amazing importance is it that we open our hearts to receive an entreating Saviour — yet I am still cold and stupid, O for a glance of heavenly day to take the stubborn stone away — I have of late been negligent with regard to writing, but for a few days have felt the weight of eternal things more than common — the souls of my children have appeared precious beyond

expression, may this abide, and excite me
to new and zealous exertions in their behalf
help Lord or they perish, no power can save
them but thine O be their God I entreat
thee and make us all useful to our
selves, faithful to God, and ~~bea~~
finally happy in thy presence above —

Sept. 17th Mr Taylor preached in the morning from

this afternoon from

I have to lament my
own wandering thots am I given up entirely
to work iniquity — and fill up the measure
of my iniquity — O Lord forgive my sins I
beseech thee thou merciful to forgive, Christ
is a compassionate Saviour, Allmighty, able
to save to the uttermost — O for his sake
blot out my sins and make me to love
thee with my whole heart, and strive to
serve thee — O Lord visit my children I
entreat thee with thy grace — O have mercy
upon them for the sake of Jesus Christ
who is infinitely worthy — I leave them
with thee cast them not off — but make
them all willing in the day of thy power
and owned and blessed of thee, blessed all
that are dear to me and may we all
finally be received to thy heavenly kingdom
~~thro~~ thro the merits of Jesus Christ
amen —

Middletown Oct. 9th 1809 — A week ago last Wednesday, we arrived as a family in this place, and are now comfortably settled — We have every reason to praise [struck: ly] God for his goodness to us, in sparing our lives and making us so prosperous — truly he is good & his mercy endureth forever — Mr H— keeps school began today — & I must hope we shall be able to live honestly — but especially I beseech thee Allmighty God, to make us faithful to the ~~souls~~ committed to our care — the precious souls of our children are in thine hand — O let them not perish, I pray thee make them all subjects of thy grace — and enable us to educate them so that we may at last be able to stand before thee & say Lord ~~here~~ are we and the children thou has given us. I entreat thee to remember our parents — bless them abundantly with thy grace — and may they be continually of thy salvation — let us meet again in safety — and all so live as that we may at last dwell forever with thee above — O Lord I am unworthy of the least mercy I ask all in his name who alone is worthy — ~~and~~ to the Father Son and Spirit be praises evermore amen —

Middletown Jany 6th 1810 – For a long time this paper has remained untouch'd three months – and it is longer than that since we arrived in this place – – we find the people very agreeable and kind – and there seems to be an encreasing attention to preaching – – some remarkable instances, as we hope, of hopeful conversion – possibly the Lord has mercy in store for this people & that an abundant harvest may be gathered in – when I look at or think of my children – how does my heart ache for them – how do I tremble to see them loving vanity – and forgetting the God that made them – yet possibly they may think more of serious things than we imagine – possibly the Spirit of God, which is not bounded by age or place – may be striving with them – – & what an unspeakable blessing would it be to see them walking in the truth – even in their infant years seeking the God of their lives, & anxiously enquiring the way to Zion – nothing is beyond the reach of Omnipotence – & nothing less than that can change the heart – O let me then look, ever look to that unfailing fountain – & with importunity seek for them as well as myself the blessings of salvation – – may all my dear friends – partake of the infinite blessings purchased for a ruined world by the blood of the Redeemer, for whose sake alone I would ask every favor, and who ever liveth to make intercession for sinners –

March 25th Sabbath noon – Mr. Marsh of Wethersfield preached to day – from Ephesians 2d 8th – For by grace ye are saved thro' faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God – Last thursday I was taken quite violently with agues and dizziness – my thots were very soon directed to that great change which must soon

take place; whether it was owing to stupidity or not I cannot tell - but I did not feel that terror which sometimes I do - I endeavoured to commit myself and all dear to me into the hands of that God whom I had once chosen ~~for~~ I hoped, by his grace, for my portion - for about twelve hours I was greatly distressed, but God appeared for my deliverance - he relieved my pain, he hath restored my health, & I have visited his house this day and attempted to return a tribute of praise to his name - blessed be the God of my salvation - and let my soul ever ever love adore and praise his holy name - O assist me this afternoon, and make me more attentive prayerful and watchful - & O great God glorify thy name this day, shew thyself mighty to save - and turn multitudes to thyself, that honour and majesty & might and dominion may be to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever from multitudes who are now in darkness and the shadow of death -

May 13th Sabbath evening - This afternoon I attended the funeral of Mrs. Graves - may I be taught to prepare for my last change, and may those who mourn her loss be comforted with the consolations of God's dear children - what a cold sluggish heart is mine - it is

wonderful that the divine patience is still con-
-tinued - may the long suffering of God be salva-
tion to my soul - & O Father of mercies take
these little precious ones into thy keeping -
O God of mercy have them not perish but
make us spiritually blessings to one anoth-
-er and helps to the each other to the
heavenly country - may our dear parents
also experience much of thy presence -
and be fed with divine grace and fitted
for the enjoyments of thy kingdom -
I desire to thank thee that thou hast
permitted us to see each other again in
the land of the living surrounded with thy
goodness - O give us hearts to devote all our
blessings and powers to thee that we may
so live as to join that glorious society
which continually surround the throne
of God and celebrate the praises of redeem-
ing love and grace to all eternity -
June - 10th - Sabbath evening - Mr Ripley
preached from these words in the morning -
Judge nothing before the time - this after-
noon - from these words how shall we escape
if we neglect so great salvation -
I have always to mourn over this
vile heart - O how lukewarm - surely

I must be abominable to that Saviour
who hath said I would ye were cold or
hot &c - & must it ever be thus? -
O when shall I be free from this
sin and folly - Lord purify me - let
thy grace appear conspicuous in
my salvation - and not in mine
alone - but let my dear children show
also in thy renewing & sanctifying
grace - - O make them even now to
believe in Christ and live to thy glory
this week - we propose to visit our
parents - be thou our guide and
~~our~~ defence - preserve us from evil
especially from sin - and make the
path of our duty plain before us -
but above all things give us trust in
thee submission to thy will, and
let us omit no duty - ~~and~~ practice
no sin - pour down thy Spirit
glorify thy name - prepare me &
all dear to me for life death
& eternity and glorify thy self in
our salvation and all the praise
shall be thine now & ever more amen

June 24th 1810 - Sabbath evening - We returned
last Friday from Hadley, came in one day - &c.
what abundant cause have we to prais.

the Lord for his wonderful goodness - truly
he is rich in mercy - to the evil & un-
-thankful - while absent he seemed to
attend every step with his blessing - we
found our dear parents well, and rejoiced
to children and all see us - attended the past before ordina-
-tion, two evening lectures, meeting on the
sabbath - Mr John's marriage - were join'd
at father's the same evening by our brother
and his little son - attended ordination the
next day - the day after spent together
in friendly family intercourse - were pre-
-sented with a very nice chaise by my
brother - and other things by father & mother
next day returned, and found all safe -
why is it that we are thus favoured?
is he about to give all our good things in this
life - O let it not be - today we have been
permitted to attend a few all ~~filled~~ worship - Quench not
the Spirit was the text - this evening
went again - a sermon was read from these
words, & they were filled with the holy Spirit
I would not forget to praise the Lord thee the
influences of his Spirit which I trust I
felt in prayer & singing - O let me make
me thankful watchful & prayerful -
O blessing Jesus look on these dear children
& speak the words of life to their souls
leave them not to perish - O make us all
thine here and thine forever - & may this
family and all dear to us be prepared by thy
grace to praise thee forever in thy kingdom
for Jesus sake amen -

Middletown Jany 27th 1810 -
Why O my soul art thou disquieted, and cast down? is not God the same merciful and forgiving God, that I first trusted? truly he changeth not - he is the same yesterday today & forever - Glory be to his great and holy name - whence then, these desponding thots? - the cause is plain - this evil heart of unbelief which incline me to depart from the living God - away then with this sinful distrust - once more my soul, come & with confidence - give thyself up to thine Allmighty Saviour - none ever trusted him in vain. O thou Divine Saviour of sinners - compassionate a wretched soul which comes to thee for help and pardon - O let the the smiles of thy blessed countenance comfort and cheer this benighted pilgrim who anxiously seeks a blessing from thee but Lord I come not alone - six dear children whom thou has placed under my care I would take by the hand, & conduct to thee for salvation also - I desire to press thro' all the temptations and snares which encompass us, even to thy blessed feet dear Saviour of lost sinners - O stretch forth the arm of thy mercy & bring us all into the fair ... of thy friends - O cast not away

one of these little ones - & remember what thou hast done for poor souls - & make us the monuments of thy to perpetu=ate the praise of redeeming love & grace. help me O Divine Saviour to do all in my power to educate these children for thy service - & may thy Spirit be sent down to assist us the parents, & to engage the children to seek thee early that they may find thee - great has been thy goodness to this family - let us remember it with gratitude, & always strive to please thee - restore health & Lord to thy servant, my husband, let us live long together mutually comforting & assisting each other in our way to Zion - & may our efforts to teach & benefit our children be crowned with thy blessings & accompanied by thy almighty grace. remember I pray thee for good my parents brothers & sisters - & all dear to us, bring them safely even to thine heavenly kingdom - & bless also all thy children - awaken the careless & secure and let all the means of grace be blessed for the salvation of all who enjoy them - hear O Lord God for the sake of the great Mediator, whose alone is worthy - -

Feby 4th 1810 - This is my birth day - 31 years have now elapsed since I have had an existence - & there is no circumstance that has occurred, which gives me so much satisfaction as this, that I have devot -ed myself to the service of God - ~~for a little more than~~ almost two thirds of my past life, I lived without public -ly professing myself on the Lord's side, but I hope he taught me to renounce the world to give up all expectation of happiness from it - I then avouch -ed the Lord Jehovah to be my God, and entered into a solemn covenant engagement to be his - what com fort did I then enjoy - ! was it all a delusion? O my Father may I not still call thee thus, wickedly as I have backslidden from thee - again re= turn unto my soul, with the cheering light of thy countenance I would now endeavour to thank thee for the mercies of another year, thy ways have been very gracious - in a time of peril thou hast been my preserver and deliv= -er, hast added another dear child to our family - hast provided for us another home, where I hope we may be useful, & art continuing our lives and making us comfort able - what thanks do we owe

thee O thou merciful and al
mighty friend - I beseech thee be
serve me this year if it may
please thee - order all things ~~mer~~ mer
ciful ly for us, especially leave us
not to perish in our sins, make
all thine children remember all
thy ~~tend~~ goodness unto them, & I
entreat thee to ~~tran~~ form them al
into thine image - make us all
faithful to each other, & to
thee that we may serve thee
acceptably here, & be all at last
admitted to the enjoyments
of a blessed immortality -
for the great Redeemer's sake amen.

Feby. 17th - Deaths are indeed multiplying
around hardly a day passes but from
some quarter, I hear of the departure of
some soul - thus am I taught, that my
turn must soon come - & o the necess
-ity of being prepared for the solemn
change - of late I have had distressing
views of death - terror and alarm have
fill'd my mind, in reflecting upon it
- if as I have fondly hoped in tenes
hart, my peace is made with God
why should I tremble? - what should
alarm a weary traveller; at seeing
his peaceful home drawing ~~near~~, ?

Middletown July 28th 1810 - Saturday night
Thus far the Lord hath led me on - &
let me again recount the mercies of
this faithful friend - tho' I have
forgotten him - neglected his service
and loved the world inordinately, still
he loads me with his benefits - O may
he grant above all things gratitude
of heart for his unnumbered mer-
-cies - again O Father help me
to plead for these dear children -
I hope thou art inclining me from
time to time to speak to them,
tho' very imperfectly, upon the
things which most nearly concern
their eternal welfare - O thou com-
passionate Saviour be pleased to
set it home to their hearts and make
them all willing in the day of
thy power - remember mercy for
all our dear friends & prepare us
all to join in ascriptions of
praise & thanksgiving to God &
the Lamb forever & ever amen -
August 18th 1810 - At length I have found time
to resume this employment, which I have
thought useful in bringing to mind truths
which might otherwise remain forgotten -
the chief of these is the long suffering
goodness of God toward me - and amidst
all the favours which are so profusely
scattered around - how unthankful
am I - how do I love the world and become

conformed to its habits — O what striking evidence do I find, of the utter depravity of the human heart — O come thou Divine Spirit into my heart, and make it a dwelling fit for thee — make my children all willing in the day of thy power and I at that be [?] O let them be taught of God and directed to the sin atoning Saviour, and Jesus fold them all in thine arms and make them thy dear children prepare them by thy grace to be useful here and happy hereafter — remember also my dear parents — still spare them in life if it please thee — and may all our friends be especially favour'd with the light of thy countenance & joy of thy salvation — and may not one be left to perish eternally — prepare us all, for the services of the sabbath & the sanctuary — and may we by these means be ripening for that eternal rest which remains for the people of God — —

Saturday evening — Oct. 13th 1810 — Holy art thou in all thy ways, and holiness becomes all thy children — when I compare

my own sinfulness with thy purity,
& my ingratitude with thy number
less mercies - it seems indeed astonishing
that I am yet alive - it is wondrous
grace that spares me from the pun
ishment due to all the workers
of iniquity - glory be to thy name
and thy name shall have all the
glory, whether I am saved or lost -
but may it not consist with
thy purposes to redeem me and
all mine - surely there is a suffi
-ciency with thee - Jesus is an All
-mighty Saviour - able to save to the
uttermost all that come to him -
thou knowest O Lord that I desire
to come, help me I pray thee,
and let my children also share
the blessings - they are exposed
every moment to thy displeas
-ure - I beseech thee make them
thy redeemed ones, and lead them
all in paths of holiness; keep
them from the snare of the world
& the adversary of souls and let
them all live before thee and live
unto thee - remember mercy for
our parents and friends, and make
us all so to serve thee here that
we may at last praise thee ~~forever~~
perfectly hereafter - amen -

Middletown August 19th 1810 — Sabbath evening
It is nearly two months since I have attended to this employment — I rejoice in an opportunity of doing it now — & my theme must still be the wonderful goodness of God to me & mine —
Mr Smith of Durham preached — in the morning from these words In all thy ways acknowledge him & he shall direct thy paths — — this afternoon from Psalms 77th 19th verse — on the mysteries of Divine Providence — I have for about six months taken the children one a month by turns, away privately and tryed to impress upon their mind a sense of divine things — & I rejoice to find their hearts in any measure tender — O Divine Saviour make them thine, and help us all in thy service — that we and all our dear friends may at last stand before thee in the robes of his righteousness — and dwell in thy presence for ever amen —
Oct. 7th Sabbath evening — Our parents are here arrived last night from Boston — my father has been quite sick all day. but I hope is better, thro' the goodness of God — we have abundant cause for gratitude and praise our kind preserver and bountiful benefactor — — & I would praise him that my parents are

on that continued to us - two or three weeks since I made a visit at [Ha]ly with three of the children, and the week after Mr Th- went to Lebanon with the other three - we were all [hi]ghly favour'd and return'd in safety - praised be the name of the Lord - today I have had the privilege of sitting at the Lord's table - some circumstances happened to interrupt my devotion, but when I think how I misimprove my advantages, it is wonderful that I am still indulged with them. - O Allmighty grace conquer wholly this dreadfully wic[ked] heart - O Saviour of lost sinners, look on my dear children - leave them not I beseech thee to follow their own wil courses; merciful G[od] I commit unto thee, make them thy beloved ones - and may all I am dear to me finally rejoice together in thy presence of glory forever

Nov. 24th 1810 - Saturday evening - -

On account of my deadness and stupidity I have been very negligent with regard to this duty of late - till I find my self again in a situation which requires much fortitude and resignat[ion]

I have seen and felt more rebellion in my heart than I have for a long time observed before — and I desire to mourn over it — and pray you who alone is able to conquer it — to subdue every sinful desire, and to make my heart a dwelling fit for the Holy Ghost — O come blessed comforter, with all the fullness of hope love & joy, and make me to feel thy blessed influence, constraining me to contemplate the character of the Most High with suitable conceptions — and to love and serve him in some measure acceptably — when I think of my own conduct, I scarce dare lift an eye to thee — but when I remember that Christ died for the ungodly — may I not hope? — O thou Divine Almighty Saviour, I come even to thee with all my sin about me, just as I am, I fly to the arms of thy mercy — and entreat thee not to spurn me from thy presence, And O blessed Jesus thou friend of sinners I would also present unto thee my dear little ones — the precious souls thou hast committed to me, to educate for thee — Lord help me, how can sinful dust and ashes perform so great a

task as rearing up souls for immor-
-tal glory - Lord help me - where else
shall I go? - vain is the help of ma[n]
gracious Redeemer, send me not a-
way without a blessing - hast th[ou]
not in store rich and eternal blessi[ngs]
for all that trust in thee-? - O m[y]
Father, didst not thou incline m[e]
in my youth to devote myself
unto thee - did I not then conse-
crate to thee all that I then
was or ever should be? - and are
not these children included in th[e]
covenant? - I know thou art
faithful and a covenant keep-
-ing God - - tho' I have offended
and gone far from thee still
I entreat thee let thy mercy
triumph and Allmighty grace
appear conspicuous in my sa[lv]-
ation and that of all my
dear children - furnish me with
all needful grace for my pres-
ent situation, support comfort
and strengthen me, and may
may I thro' thy boundless mercy
in Christ be so unspeakably
happy as to meet in thy king-
dom, all who are now dear to me
forever, to ascribe glory and honour
thanksgiving & praise to the Father [...] Holy Ghost

Dec. 1st 1810 - Day before yesterday was observed as a day of public thanksgiving, and praise, to Allmighty God, for the blessings of the past year - and who can have more cause for gratitude than I have? - tho' I am at present in a situation not joyous but grievous - still the past year has been abundantly crowned with Divine goodness - our lives & healths, have been precious in thy sight O thou Preserver of men - and our daily temporal wants have been abundantly supplied - our wordly circumstances within a year have altered much for the better - & every thing of a temporal nature has been as prosperous as we could expect - but how is it with my soul? - O wretched heart that I have, continually unbelieving, & prone to forget the Father of all my mercies - O that the coming year may witness my reformation and new obedience - & to this end send thy Holy Spirit down to teach me all duty - & to help me to per form it - - support and strengthen me under the burdens and cares thou art laying upon me, & let

me not dishonour thee in any of
the trials thro' which thou shalt
cause me to pass - make all my
dear friends also to share in every
needful blessing; but especially with
spiritual blessings wilt thou make
them rich indeed - - look down
O most merciful God upon these
little ones, growing up as I fear
without a saving knowledge of the
truth - O thou compassionate Saviour
reveal thyself unto them as thou
dost not unto the world - & make
every soul of them thine in the
day when thou makest up thy
jewels - I leave them & all my
dearest interests in thy compassion-
-ate hands - praying that thou wilt
be our God in time & thro' Eternity
for Christ's sake amen - -
Lords day noon - Dec - 23d 1810 - Whom there-
-fore ye ignorantly worship, him declare
I unto you - how many are there
who live ignorant of the true charac-
-ter of God in this land of gospel light
O how many of those who profess to
know him, live as tho' never thought
of him, or did not believe in his ex-
-istence - O my Father & my friend
take from me all unbelief - & re-
-veal thyself unto me as a sin par

-loving Saviour, & a covenant keeping God - are not the innumerable blessings which thou art richly bestowing upon me, an evidence that thou art not a hard master? - and is not the anxiety which I sometimes feel for myself and my children - a token that thou hast not given me up to utter hardness of heart - ? - O melt my heart - and make every faculty wholly devoted to thy service - may my dear children all be united to the Lord Jesus Christ, and not one of them fail of eternal life -

Jany 5th 1811 Saturday evening - Middleton

By the goodness of my kind unwearied friend I still live to record the ~~gr~~ mercies which he hath afforded me the year past - my life and health and that of my dear friends has been preserved and innumerable blessings been added to those I had before possessed - O what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits - while others have been call'd to thy solemn bar, while others have been call'd to poverty distress and mourning - I am still in comfort ease & quiet.

ness — my dear parents still live &
enjoy health, and tho' one of them
for a time was unwell the Lord appear
-ed in mercy soon & restored the ines[tim]
able blessing — my brothers and sister[s]
still live and some of them prosper, a[s]
to this world — & are not I hope un
mindful of another, which they mu[st]
soon enter upon — & the others tho' tr[ied]
and afflicted will I hope come out
as gold seven times purified — my
dear children also, are still witness[es]
for thee O Father of mercies! — that
thy compassions fail not — I than[k]
thee, O Lord that they are not pro=
=fane, nor inclining to any vicio[us]
habit — and that they are so trac[t]
able — & easily instructed — and I
thank thee that thou dost in[cline]
me statedly to converse with them
and to endeavour to lead them t[o]
the ways of piety and virtue — &
tho' I have abundant reason to b[e]
on account of the evil example I s[et]
before them — yet I would thank th[ee]
that I have any desires for their
salvation — glory be to thy name for th[e]
as well as every suitable desire —
for every good & perfect gift co[m]
-eth down from thee the father of

mercies, & may thy name have all
the praise — & now that we are en-
tered upon a new year — I implore
thy blessings on me & all dear to me
O Lord assist & strengthen my husband
for the difficult & arduous task
which thou art calling him to perform
& give him wisdom & grace to feed
the flock of Christ over which thou
hast made him an overseer — help
us to live together as united in the
bonds of the gospel, & fellow travellers
to the heavenly country — make us
to train up the children thou hast
given us, in the way in which they should
should go — that when they are old
they may not depart from it — &
be pleased to take them all into thine
arms merciful Redeemer, & make
them useful in life & happy in
death & thro' eternity — if it pleases
thee bless all our dear friends with
every good, especially with spiritual
blessings in Christ — spare all our
lives if consistent with thy glory
this year also — & make us live
more to thy praise than we have
ever yet done — I leave all with
thee thou art holy & righteous in
all thy ways — teach me to feel thine
& never murmur at thy dealings — be
with us on the morrow at thy table —
and prepare us all for heaven, for Christ's sake Amen

Middletown March 3d 1811 - Sabbath evening -
It is now two months since I have recorded the
goodness of God to me & mine - in that time I
have experienced largely of his benefits - about the
middle of Jan. my parents came to see us, in he[alth]
and comfort - stay'd one day, & returned in safety -
the fourth day of Feb. we left home with our y[oung-]
-est child - reached Hadley that night - stay'd the[re]
one day, then set out in a sleigh with our
parents for Boston - arrived there the next day -
had an agreeable visit - left them the next
Tuesday morning - reached Hadley the day after
stay'd there one day, and Friday evening foun[d]
ourselves in the midst of our dear little fa[m-]
-ily all healthful and happy - on reviewing
these scenes, my mind is again led to ador[e]
the merciful hand which so kindly conduct[ed]
us, defended us from danger, made our way
prosperous - and I hope has given me some
sense of my obligations - these are favours in[deed]
but a truly thankful heart is the best o[f]
all - the blessings of grace I would seek [more]
earnestly than any thing else - O that my
desires might be more fervent -. the 4th o[f]
last month, I was 32 years old - to look ba[ck]
upon it - it looks like a vapour - & how
little have I done for that unwearied friend
who has been constantly visiting me w[ith]
his multiplied mercies, among the greate[st]
of these favours, I consider this, that he in[-]
clined my heart early, or in my youth t[o]
devote myself to his service - tho' I have
shamefully backslidden, still I hope I a[m]
not wholly cast off - I still desire to trust
in the God of my youth & commit my w[ay]

to him — today I attended meeting — in the morn-
ing Mr H — preached from Psalm 78th 25th verse
they did eat angels food — this afternoon Mr Johns
of Berlin preached — I give my judgement as one
that has obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful
he administered the Lords supper, as Mr H — was
unwell — I find great hardness of heart, & coldness
in religion — O God of grace send down thy quick
ening influences — to enliven, & animate me —
rouse my attention to the spiritual welfare
of my dear children — & O furnish one I entreat
thee, with all those peculiar gifts, which are
necessary to discharge the great duties of my
station acceptably — I beseech thee, work in
their hearts effectually to will & to do,
and make them all wise unto salvation
O help thy servant their father, & myself
to unite our exertions for their everlasting
welfare — & may we all live together as joint
heirs of the grace of life — make us faithful
in life — happy in death & thro' eternity —
and may all our dear friends share in these
blessings — & be so happy as at last to
be among the glorious number who shall
surround thy throne with anthems of praise
thro' a boundless eternity, for Jesus sake amen.
April 6th 1811 — Tomorrow I have again the prospect
of commemorating the dying love of our Lord Jesus
Christ — time after time I am indulged with this
privilege, but O how unworthily do I conduct —
how little do I manifest that I have been with
Jesus —! It is indeed astonishing, that my un-
profitable, heaven-provoking life is spared — it
is a wonder of mercy, that my day of grace
is not closed, & my state in misery unalter

=ably fixed - is it because the Lord will ... have mercy on me, or that he hath said ... he did of old, Ephraim is joined to idols, l... him alone - I would notwithstanding all my ... hope that I am one for whom Christ died - ... would once more look to this Allmighty Sa... in whom is everlasting strength - I would at... -pt to throw around him the arms of my fai... and love, and call him my Lord & my Go... but O how feeble are all my efforts - come O thou Divine Spirit & help my infirmity - w... this frozen heart - animate these weak de... is there not this promise to those that seek thy face - your heavenly Father is more ready to give his Spirit to them that ask it, than earthly parents are to give their children good gifts - emboldened by this declaration Lord I apply - & O let me not go empty away - send a portion O Go... of my Salvation to my dear little ones - what shall I say? - O that they may all l... before thee - I entreat O my Father that thou wilt take them into covenant relatio... to thyself - if I am one of thy children, I be=seech thee let my children also be owned as thine - I bring them unto thee, my compassion=ate Saviour - fold them in thy merciful arm... and keep them safe even to thy kingdom of glory - I thank thee O Lord that thou art inclining me from time to time to speak unto them, & to press upon them the importa... of religion, I take a little encouragement from this, for thou art the author of every good & perfect gift -, & I hope that thou

with succeed the means which thou hast appoin
ted - & which thou disposest me to use -
appear for them blessed Spirit come, take
thine abode in every soul of them, &
hile they live make them to serve thee
at at death they may be triumphant &
essed thro' eternity - if it please thee O Lord
t our lives be spared to each other, & make
s to see thine hand in every occurrence, &
ver murmer at any of thy dealings -
bring to thee also my dear parents, and
ll other friends - praying that they may be
lessed abundantly with every necessary
t above all ~~things~~ that we may all
eet at last in thy glorious kingdom
nd thy praise shall be forever to Father
on & Holy Spirit amen - -
June 16th 1811 - sabbath evening - Truly the
ord is good & his tender mercies are over
ll his works - I desire to thank thee
Father for the blessings of my life -
the rich variety of mercies with which
thou art favouring me - O fill my
whole soul with gratitude & love to
thee & make me live wholly to thy
praise - O my Father, what shall
I say? - I am at times almost dis-
couraged with the conduct of my chil-
dren - I endeavour to do my duty
to point out to them their danger &
to warn them to flee from the wrath
to come, & must it all be in vain
dost thou incline me to use all

all their means to no profit — O &
succeed them I pray thee to thy
glory & their unspeakable happi
=ness — this day I hope we have
engaged in teaching them & thanks
for all assistance, bless it O God to
their everlasting good — O be pleased
to bless us all with regard to all our
concerns — and prepare us to serve
thee faithful in life — that we &
all dear to us may be blessed
thro' ~~eternity~~ for the Redeemer's ~~sake~~ sake

August 11th Sabbath evening — One month
ago — July 11th Thursday morning just
after seven, It pleased the Lord to del
me of a a living healthy & promising
child — my situation was somewhat
critical — ~~but~~ & extremely distress
for some hours, — but he who is ri
in mercy, appeared for my relief
O may I never forget my obliga
to serve love & fear this kind &
gracious friend — — This day we h
been enabled to carry him to the
Lord's house to dedicate him the
to his Creator & rightful owne
his name is ~~_____~~ Pattons — & O
~~accept~~ of us in our duty — & O
most merciful God — accept

this dear little one as one of thy children - A ~~most~~ glorious & ever lasting God Father Son & Holy Spirit I would again commit him to thine hand, praying that we may all live together as thy children & at last be united in a better world - with all who are dear to us - amen

August - 24th - Saturday evening -
How rich are thy mercies - O Lord - from week to week thy favours are repeated & multiplied - we are all alive and comfortable this evening - & tho' our eldest child has been quite sick with a complaint in his throat, he is now much better - & I may truly say the Lord's goodness is wonderful! - & yet amidst these repeated deliverances, & mercies - how cold is my heart how unholy my life - & how vain are all my thoughts - Blessed Spirit I implore thy influence; O come into my soul & quicken me to all duty O come also I entreat thee into the hearts of these dear children, & make them all thy children -

without thee they perish, O en
-able me to cry unto thee with imp
:ortunity - & do thou O merciful fath
hear & answer, and may all d
to us be there in the everlasting
covenant for Christ's sake amen -
Sept - 21st Month after month of my sho
life is swiftly passing away - & I fe
I am not making any progress he
ward; I fear my dear children ar
ripening for ruin, O sovreign grace
interpose & save them; here is all
my dependence - for my self & am
my children; I would cast my
cares on thee, & have all my
-terests in thine hand - O enable
to call thee my father friend & sa
and make me to see thy charac
in such a manner, that I may
be transformed into the same
image - - remember all dear t
me & may we all finally be
happy as to join in celebrating
thy praises in a world of glory
Christ's sake who is infinitely worthy
to whom be glory everlasting amen

Middletown Dec- 31st 1811 -

Another year of my precious life is almost gone & how have I improved the innumerable mercies I have received but what return do I make
O Blessed Spirit come into this poor polluted heart, & make me hence forth live wholly to him who hath died for sinners - own my dear children in the everlasting covenant of thy love - & may all dear to me be dear to thee, and may the sins of us all be forgiven for the great Redeemer's sake amen-

Jany 1st 1812 - In entering upon a new year, what a variety of considerations render it proper to reflect seriously, & to resolve with deliberation - & while I am about to enter upon this duty wilt thou O Holy Spirit come & assist my weak endeavours - The last year has been crowned indeed with the goodness of God - our family has been preserved from severe sickness - & none excepting myself have been in apparent danger - thro' the abundant goodness of the Lord - I have been made the living mother of another living & promising child - & tho' for a time dangerous - and long weak - yet at

length I have nearly recovered my u
strength — & have abundant cause
bless the good hand of the Lord wh
has preserved me — for what pu
pose I am spared indeed I know
sometimes I fear it is to fill up
measure of my iniquity — I am af
-id and am not worthy to lift u
my face unto thee — O thou m
-ciful & gracious Father — but
have no where else to go — & th
covered with guilt I desire to
-me to the fountain, & lay h
on the hope set before me is
not a place for me & mine
Lord Jesus accomplish the wor
for me & mine; O may I not
bring these children unto thee
it is a matter of great comf
to me that when young & s
-rounded with a tempting wor
I sought the Lord — he I hop
inclined my heart to seek him
and to devote myself to him
never do I repent that I di
it, but I repent that I hav
my gracious Lord and Saviour
so little, & that I dishonour
him so much — — forgive me
I entreat : and grant me grac

time to come to be more watch-
ful prayer ful & obedient —
O Allmighty God — I entreat for
them children, thy kind care
& thy special grace — O leave
them not I pray thee to them-
selves, to the wicked one, or the
wicked world, but make them
early to seek thee & to give
themselves to thy service, & may
every soul become holy, & love
thy service above every thing else.
may all our lives, & those of
my dear friends be spared if it
please thee, & may we all live
to see another new year, but
above all things I beseech thee
help us all to serve thee thro'
life ~~that~~ we may be joyful
at death & happy thro' eternity
for Jesus sake amen — —
Feby 4th — This day I am thirty three years
old — & O how short does the time appear!
filled up with sin & folly, I have no-
thing to plead before a Holy God, but
the righteousness of Jesus Christ to
which I hope I have long since fled for
a covering to my naked perishing soul —
but if I hope in him, why should I
not ascribe praise to him, as my de=

=liverer - the Captain of my salvation - the glorious high Priest, who can be to[uched] with the feeling of my infirmities - & [my] shameful ingratitude - These fourteen years I have been a professor of religio[n] and what fruit have I brought fort[h] I tremble when I think of my barren[ness] O mark not my iniquity against me help me O blessed Spirit to return, & call thee forsaken Saviour, once mor[e] my Lord & my God - & O Father, Son and Holy Spirit - bring me into the light and liberty of thy childre[n] that I may serve thee more faithful[ly] - believe on thee more implicit[ly] and submit more cheerfully to thy will than I have ever yet d[one] O remember also and bless all my my dear children, & friends - & kee[p] us all to dwell in thy presence forever for Jesus sake - amen -

Middletown Decbr 19th 1812 -

It is indeed a long time since I wrote on ~~this~~ paper - many changes have taken place, & I again am in a situation which requires patience, submission, and fortitude, but it is said of our compassionate Saviour that he carries the lambs in his arms, and gently leadeth those th[at]

are with yours — O be thou my friend
thro' this dangerous distressing season
O forsake me not, but bless me as
thou hast in time past — furnish
me to the duties and trials before me
O regard in mercy our dear children,
hear O Lord while I beseech thee to
bring them out of darkness into thy
glorious light, O grant them all
repentance and faith that they may
be prepared for life death & a blessed
immortality — our two daughters I
carried to Hadley week after thanks
giving, to spend the winter may they
be blessed, and all that are dear to us
find a Father & friend in Jesus Christ
the only Saviour to whom be glory
forever amen —

Middletown Jany - 2d - 1813 - Saturday evening

Another year is gone, and with it all ~~the~~ the relig
=ious advantages which it brott — my improve
ment or misimprovement of them is record
=ed in the book of God's remembrance — O sol-
=emn consideration! my ~~own~~ account of them is
indeed sorrowful — abused mercies — hardness of
heart — worldliness of mind — forgetfulness

of God and neglect of the Saviour, have mark-
-ed the last year - and after all this, can
I have courage to approach the mercy seat!
dare I presume to enter into his presence,
in whose sight the very heavens are not
clean? - yes surely! - this is my only
hope - have I sinned and so aggravatedly
and shall I forbear to apply to him who
alone can pardon? - am I thus guilty and
polluted - and shall I fail to seek for cleans-
-ing from him - whose blood alone can wash away
stains of the deepest dye - O blessed Spirit
give me strength to plead for mercy - I - have
I not solemnly devoted myself to thee O God?
& tho' I have shamefully backslidden,
yet I desire to return, and all thee once
more my Father - - surely thou hast
treated me like a child - mercies have been
heaped upon me - and the last year espe-
-cially has been abundantly crowned with
thy goodness - thou has spared all our
lives - preserved our health, prospered us
with regard to temporal things so that
we can live honestly -

and comfortably — our children as yet
are agreeable and I trust not inclined
to vicious courses — true I long to see
in them a love for God and holiness — but
that is a gift of divine grace which I
hope they may yet receive — and O may
I never give over seeking and begging for
them this precious, best of gifts — & now
that another year has begun, I desire to
look to God for direction, protection
support and deliverance — O be pleased
to bless me as thou hast in times
past — Lord cut me not off, I pray thee
but spare me, & make me more use-
-ful than I have ever yet been — but
above all prepare me and all dear to me
to die whenever thou shall see fit to
remove us — O leave not one that I love
to die in impenitence the residue of
the Spirit is with thee, O send it
down I pray thee here and every where
that thy name may be one & thy
praise one throughout world for Christ's
sake amen —

Middletown Jany 16th 1813 — Saturday evening —
This day I have endeavoured keep as a day of fast-
-ing and peculiar prayer — on account of the third
of our children — last Oct. I began — for the first; last
week friday I perform'd the duty for the second
and today for the third, instead of praying with
them in private, I have tho't best to adopt
this method, and on the day of the month on
which they were born, to attend to each in
their turn — O that the Lord would graciously
hear and answer — this evening — I hope I
had some comfortable exercises — I was enabled
to recount in a measure the mercies of
God to me thro' my life — and I hope I
did plead the covenant — and plead for the
blessings of the covenant for this child, and
for them all — vain are all forms — O for the
spirit and grace of supplication — I desire
to be thankful, that I have any feeling
upon the subject of my children's ever-
lasting salvation, careless as I am, impa
-tient fretful, and sinful as I am in every
respect — I desire to thank thee O my
Father, that thou givest me any feeling
for the precious souls of my children, & tha

thou dost enable me sometimes to speak to them of the concerns of their souls, and warn them to escape the damnation of hell – I thank thee, (for from thee cometh all good intentions and strength to perform them,) that thou hast enabled me this evening to speak to two of them with regard to these things – O set it home, let thy good Spirit apply it to their hearts, O let the truth take fast hold of their hearts, that they may never find peace till they find it in true reconciliation to thee thy character and government – O God of my salvation, who hast been my helper and my deliverer, be thou unto me now, a refuge and hiding place & be the strong tower to which I may resort; with confidence and supreme love – I commit my dear children to thy merciful hand, leave not one to perish in sin, I commit my own soul and body to thee, I commit all my dearest interests and friends to thy keeping – be our guide thro' life and death, and our Portion thro' eternity, and glory shall be, to the Father, Son, and Spirit forever amen! –

Feb. 6th 1813 - Day before yesterday - the 4th of this month, I was 34 years old - a merciful God has brot me hitherto - & I have been loaded with benefits, every year day and hour, has given me fresh experience of his goodness - the last year particularly, I would now notice, as having been remarkable favourable, especially as to our worldly concerns - - it seems as if we had all that we could wish - and for two or three months, I have enjoy'd more comfort in my husband than common, our hearts seem to have been more united, and we have I think excercised more forbearance, and kindness than we ever have done - thanks to the giver of all good for this as well as all other mercies and now a distressing period is near at hand I find my strength less than ever before - & I have some reason to fear that it will be hard for me - but the Lord can deliver - he can turn our fears into songs of praise - I desire to commit the event to him - & pray that whether living or dying I may be his - O may I not be call'd hence without a suitable preparation for the great change - O Lord if it may please

thee I pray that my life may be spared and that I may yet praise thee in the land of the living — & be enabled to do my duty more faithfully than I have ever done — may this year be spent more to thy glory — and not be so distin-guished by my sins and ingratitude as the last has been — I pray for my dear little ones — O God of grace, remem-ber them in thy gracious covenant, & make them all wise to salvation, & may all dear to me, be fitted by thy grace to enter upon that ~~to~~ rest which remains for thy people in heav-ens — these things I ask not in my own name — but for the sake of him who is I hope all my salvation and all my desire, even Jesus Christ — the All-mighty Saviour — may he be precious to my soul — and my everlasting portion in time and eternity — & all the glory shall be given to the Father Son and Holy Ghost — forever & ever amen —

Middletown April 25th This day thro' the abundant goodness of God, we have been permitted to carry our eighth child to the sanctuary, and devote him to his Maker — the 18th day of March last, being thursday a little before eleven o'clock, I was delivered, after a most distressing labour of 46 hours, of this child — it seems as if my fears before my illness were not without cause — but the Lord, blessed be his name, wrought out deliverance for me — and I am a monument of his longsuffering and mercy — & now — this one petition I think I can offer with sincerity — that my life which has been thus wonderfully preserved, may be entirely devoted to the glory of God — I would not rest in my own strength, but in the strength of the mighty God of Jacob and now O my Father, I am thine my children also are thine use us all in promoting thy glory, fitt us to leave this world and enter into thy kingdom — bless my dear husband — unite our hearts in thy love and service & bless all my dear friends for Christ's sake who is worthy and the only saviour

Middletown Nov. 27th 1813 - Here I am still, in a world of hope, a day of probation, and surrounded with innumerable comforts -. Soon after the baptism of my dear little Theodore, I made a record of his birth &c - and since that time, I have not once attended to this saturday evenings duty, till now. - Cares and labour multiply as our family increases, and if our souls are not neglected and our duty sacrificed, happy shall we be - we have fresh cause to speak of the mercies of our God, and are under additional obligations to devote ourselves to his service, not only every year but every day and moment - the last year has been abundantly crowned with mercy our lives have been all kindly preserved our health and strength continued, in distress and danger my covenant God delivered me, and raised me to health and activity - another dear child has been added to our family - and our outward circumstances ~~ha~~ as to property - have been quite comfortable - quite recently - we have had supplies from sources, where we had no reason to expect

them, and in all temporal favours, our G
has been gracious infinitely gracious—
but what returns have I made- alas poor
indeed—! when he might have expected the
fruits of repentance and obedience, I have
been forgetful of his merciful hand, & I have
nothing to plead but guilty— the day before
yesterday was our thanksgiving day- but
I did not feel as ought to have felt—
I am ashamed O Lord, & blush to lift up
my face before thee—for I have sinned—
but was it not for such that Christ di
surely he came not to call the righteous
but sinners to repentance, I think I feel
my self to be such— and I do indeed desi
to be his servant, O leave me not to
my self- but give me more grace, to serve th
and glorify thee— help me, to educate
these children for God; they are fast growing
up to be men and women - and I had hop
ere this to have seen them choosing God fo
their portion, O Lord I have waited on thee
I have committed them to thee, & besought
for them thy sanctifying grace— O wilt not

thou hear me? - art thou not the guide of my youth, wilt thou not my childrens' God and portion - I would plead with thee - thou hast declared thyself more ready to give thy Spirit to those who ask it, than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children, O my dear Redeemer, hear me, unworthy as I am, in their behalf - thou seest them engrossed with the trifles of time - O arrest their attention Allmighty grace - conquer O thou Divine Spirit all their obstinacy - and make them thy beloved children - & now I desire renewedly to give up myself to thee, I am thine, I pray thee make the ~~it~~ idea comfortable to ~~to reflect that I am thine~~ to my soul - & wilt thou graciously make me an instrument of the salvation of these children -. -

Last week our parents left us - their visit was unexpected and we had much enjoyment O that we may all be blessed in life & death and at last be received with all whom we love, to ~~the~~ partake of those joys which are in reserve for the faithful followers of Lamb - for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour to whom glory and dominion forever amen

Jany 8th 1814 Blessed be my heavenly Father, that this new year finds me in the enjoyment of so many comforts — to my dear brother & his family it was a time of great affliction, on account of the death of their youngest child — but we and ours still live, and enjoy the unceasing bounties of our Great Benefactor — for a few days past we have had some alarm on account of the children who have been quite sick with colds — little Theodore especially has been quite reduced with a fever — but mercifully for us, the disorder is abated and we are comfortable — how many similar instances bear witness to the long suffering goodness of God — let me upon this occasion endeavour to devote myself afresh to his service — my self and my children, and all I call my own, I would desire this evening to bring unto thee, O my covenant God and Father, and give them up to thee — & what an unspeakable blessing is it, that after all our wanderings from thee, thou art still inviting us to turn to thee — O Lord I come — receive me, I entreat

with thy wonted compassion forgive ~~and~~ bless me — help me O Divine Spirit to bring these children in faith, and supplicate for them the blessings of salvation — O Saviour of lost sinners, gather these lambs in thy arms, carry them in thy bosom — prepare them to serve thee in this world, and then to enter upon a blessed ~~upon~~ eternity — hear me O Lord I beseech thee — and fit us all to ~~be~~ leave this ~~world~~ and enter upon ~~a bliss~~ a blessed ~~[illegible]~~ eternity — O Lord I deserve nothing but punishment — but O deal not with me according to my sins, but according to thine abundant goodness, ~~Lord~~ Remember all my dear friends also with thy fatherly care, and bless them — I commit to thee for this year my self and all that is mine, O be merciful let our lives health and comfort, be continued if it may consist with thy will and help us to serve thee better than ever yet we have done all for Jesus sake amen —

Jany - 22d - 1814 — Thursday Mr. H— the two girls and William, went to Millington, from there to Lebanon, and this afternoon arrived safe home again — surely the Lord deals bountifully with us, and it would almost seem as if this promise had been made us,

Still thou shalt go and still return
Safe in the Lord, his guardian care
Defends thy life from every snare —

O what shall I render unto the Lord for all his goodness — may I never forget thy mercies, but always live as accountable to help me O Divine Spirit to bring these children again unto thee, where else shall I go, O accept of them, of me and all that I love and enable us so to act here, as to be prepared for the sublimed services of the saints in glory world ing for Christs sake amen —

Jany. 1st 1815 Middletown - Sabbath evening -

Another new year - 14 years since my husband and I were united - since that, every succeeding year has found us surrounded with health friends and comforts - now we have to lament the death of my dear father - on the third day of December he left this world, and entered we hope a happier state - last August he was taken with a complaint which caused his death, about the middle of October he made us a visit, but was unable to enjoy it - three or four weeks after we went up to see him, being informed that he failed fast - we stayed a week and it was indeed an interesting season - what he was then enabled to say, gave me great comfort - and I hope I shall never forget it - his hope appeared to be unwavering; his trust in the promises of God undoubting - and his faith in the Allmighty Redeemer an anchor to his soul - we left him in some respects better - but he soon grew worse - and for a few days before his death

his decline was rapid — he seemed to suffer greatly at times, but his exit was at last like falling into a tranquil slumber — he died on sabbath day about 20 minutes after 3 in the after noon — a messenger was sent off about 10 that day, got here about 5 monday morning and we arrived there Tuesday noon — the funeral was attended Wednesday at 1 o'clock — we stayed till the next Tuesday and left them — our mother much afflicted — but not uncommonly — surely the Lord has granted my petition from the time I thot my father danger ous, I was importunate in my sup -plications that he might enjoy the light of God's countenance — and be will -ing and ready for his departure — as far as we can judge this was the case — and this providence speaks loudly to me, to be also ready O may God grant that I may never forget the solemn scenes of the last

two months - but remembering the dy-
ing charge of my departed father may
I study to bring up my children in the
fear of the Lord and be faithful in
the great duties entrusted to me —
this year I have again a scene of
suffering before me - what will be
the event God only knows - may I be
prepared for every event - and especially
may I be enabled to bring up these
children in the right way and may
they all be made partakers of the
good hope thro' grace — O my dear
Saviour make them all thine and
may we and all our dear friends
live more acceptably to thee than we
have ever yet done - spare us Lord
this year also - and make it indeed
a new year to us all - fit us for
life for death, and thy kingdom in
thee and for Jesus sake alone amen

Middletown May 28th 1815 - The eleventh day of last month Tuesday evening between seven and eight o'clock I was delivered of another daughter - O what distress attends the birth of children but God graciously sends relief - how thankful should I be that he hath appeared thus nine times to help me - may I never forget his kindness - but live more to his glory than I have ever yet done - to day we have been enabled to go to the sanctuary and give up this little one in the ordinance of baptism - her name is Mary Dwight - Most gracious God, be pleased to take her into thy family, O let these children all be sanctified. ~~and made~~ all holy - let not one perish in their sin - thy grace can conquer the ~~stubbor~~ most unworthy O make us all thine O help us in all future duty and make us willing thine

forgive

Middletown Dec 16 - 1815 - Still in a world of hope and surrounded with innumerable comforts, I once more sit down to this employment - The cares and business of the family prevent my stated attention to it as formerly - but I would be thankful for any season of retirement - This evening I would be importunate with a prayer hearing God, that he would bless my children - O my covenant God, I beseech thee to renew the hearts of my dear children - thine arm is not shortened neither is thine ear heavy - O be pleased to teach them their danger, and the only way of escape - thou art enabling me from time to time to speak to them on the subject of their souls salvation O let it, by thy Spirit, be made effectual for their salvation, enable them to choose the good part which shall never be taken from them - leave not one of them I pray thee to perish in their sins, there is an infinite fullness with thee - O impart to us all those supplies that we need and fit us all for thy heavenly kingdom for Christs sake amen -

Middletown Febry 3d 1816 — This day closes the 37th year of my life — ~~and~~ how short and hasty have been my days — O Lord O how little progress have I made in religion — do I indeed belong the family of the redeemed ones, ~~while~~ I do so little to serve and please my divine master. the blessed master, to whom long since I devoted myself and my all — Lord forgive me and help me to serve thee better in time to come A little more than six years we have lived in Middletown — and are now about to remove once more — yes we must quit this beloved circle of friends perhaps never again to meet — I would thank thee O Lord for all the blessings we have enjoyed here — and pray that our lot may in future be ordered in mercy — open I beseech thee a door for thy servant to be useful in the blessed work of the gospel ministry — I beseech thee, cast him not out of thy ser[vice] and let him not bury the talent thou hast given in the earth — leave us not to ourselves but guide and go with us

and so sanctify all thy dispensations to us that we and our children and all that we love may at last be received to thy heavenly kingdom — and now also I pray thee grant me a blessing for this day — keep me in thy fear assist me in the duties of the sabbath and I beseech thee make my children all partakers of thy grace — enable me to spend this year more to thy glory & when flesh and heart shall fail receive me and all dear to me to thy kingdom above for the sake of Jesus our infinite mediator to whom be glory forever amen

Febr 24th 1816 Hadley — How wonderful are the dispensations of divine Providence! — who could have thought a few months since, that we should so soon have left Middletown, and those friends who were so strongly and truly attached to us. the 15th of this month we came from there, & a melancholy scene it was — I think I shall never forget the tears of sorrow which I and my friends shed at parting — how painful are

are these separations! - why are they permit-
-ted to take place? secret things belong unto G[od]
let us submit to a God of ~~infinite~~ unerring wisdom
and adore and love, him also, for he is a God of infini[te]
goodness - my situation here is very comfort[a]-
-ble - I live much more at ~~ease~~ - and have
much less care and perplexity than before, bu[t]
for this I would be thankful - as the gift of
my heavenly Father - but without his bless-
-ing I would not desire even this - rather let
me be deprived of every outward comfort
than of his favour -. Since I have been
placed in this situation - and have a little
more leisure, I hope I shall have a disp-
-osition, to improve it in seeking to make
some progress in religion - in attending to
my children in speaking to them and oth-
-ers upon the important subject of religion
there is a great and uncommon attention
here at present, the Holy Spirit seems to
be in the midst of us; O that our dear
children might become partakers of of this

blessed work — dear Saviour why may not our family come in for a share — we deserve nothing indeed — but for such thou didst die — O then I entreat thee bless us also; make our children now to see their situation as sinners, and bid them come unto thee for eternal life — prepare us O Lord for thy sabbath on the morrow — & for all future duty — above all things so to serve thee as to die in peace and be received at last to thy glorious kingdom for the sake of Jesus our only advocate — amen.

November 30th 1816 — . Day before yesterday was our annual Thanksgiving-day — Mr H — was at Chicopee where he has been preaching nearly three months: he has now done, and for the three future months has engaged to supply Mr. Taggarts pulpit, at Colrain — It is quite remarkable, that, since we came to Hadley, he has hardly been disengaged a sabbath — this I would remember with gratitude, not only because he may be an instrument of doing good in the kingdom of Christ,

but on account of the assistance which it affords in supporting our family — which is so large and expensive — — The last year has been distinguished — by unusual health in our family the lives of our dear children are still continued, and some of them have had some serious impressions — our temporal wants have been supplied, (notwithstanding our fears of a scarcity —) so that we have been enabled to come this week, with part our meat-offering and drink offering — to render thanks to the name of the Lord — Mr. Woodbridge's text was the first verse of the hundred seventh Psalm — O give thanks unto the ~~name of the Lord~~, for he is good, for his mercy endureth ~~endures~~ ~~the~~ forever — — Tomorrow the children of God who profess his name, are to approach his table to commemmorate the dying love of our blessed Saviour — may he be in the midst of us, and ~~may~~ he be present to

my cold, lifeless, decaying soul - may he manifest himself unto me in such a manner, as that I may be enabled to call him in the exercise of true faith, my Lord & my God - - hear me, O Allmighty Father, in behalf of these children, let their souls be precious in thy sight - make them to cherish all the strivings of thy Spirit - to be faithful in every duty - and may we all of us so live, as to die in peace & stand, at last, around thy throne in glory to ascribe unto thee all the glory & all the praise forever and ever amen - .

Jany 4th 1817 - Saturday evening - Hadley - .

Another year is gone, forever gone; let me ask myself how I have improved it? - whether in the service of the world and sin - or in the blessed service of Christ - If I ask my heart, what are its desires - and prevailing inclinations surely I must say religion is preferable to every thing else - but the

fruits which appear in my life are not worthy of a Christian — shame and confu-sion of face belong unto me — O Lord forgive me, and blot out all my sins —

Though my offences are aggravated and multiplied yet thou art still waiting to be gracious; may I and mine be more devoted to thy service — feeling our obliga-tions to thee, may all of us be excited to enlist in the service of the great Redeemer — Bless me O Father of all mercies in my state of anxiety and prepare me for the trying scenes before me — carry me safely thro' if it may be thy will. O be pleased to make my children all useful in life — happy in death and blessed forever in thy kingdom above. May this year be distinguished for more zeal and activity in thy service,

let not one precious soul of this family be left perish in sin and unbelief — stretch out thine arm & all conquering grace and make my children thy belov-ed ones — help me to be more diligent in my endeavours to train them up for usefulness in thy church here — that we may all of us at last be so happy as to stand around thy throne and ~~at~~ ascribe glory and honour thanksgiving and praise to God and the Lamb forever and ever amen —

Feby 8th 1817 — Last Tuesday I was thirty eight years old — how fast my life is spending — how much is already gone — how little may be remaining, God only knows — whether he will see fit to continue such an unworthy cumberer of the ground is unknown — — my barrenness is sufficient to provoke him — to have me ~~altogt~~ cut off — but his mercy is great and I and mine still live — Lord grant that we may

to spend our remaining ~~wicked~~ days
~~that~~ our enduring ~~by~~ eternal life — amen
Hadley June 15th 1817 Sabbath evening — This day
we have been to the house of God with all our chil-
-dren, and have attempted to dedicate the tenth
to God her Creator — On Thursday the eighth
day of last month, a little before one in the
morning — after a very distressing labour of 36
~~hours~~. I was delivered of another daughter; at
first there was hardly any sign of life — but
by the blessing of God, she was recovered, and is
now healthy and promising — she has been
baptized this day by the name of Catherine
Carey — how wonderful is the goodness of my
heavenly Father, I hope I have felt some
sense of my obligations — but O how faint,
and how soon have I reason to fear I shall
go back to hardness of heart and worldliness
of mind — O blessed Spirit, I desire to depend
entirely on thy assistance, come into my
heart and make me to love and serve and
~~trust~~ ~~in~~ and glorify God more than I have
ever yet done — be pleased to adopt this

child into thy family — and sanctify her heart even from her infancy — and may all our children be made thine in the day when thou shalt make up thy jewels — be pleased to ~~qually~~ aspirt us the parents to be more faithful and more zealous and may we all at last join the blessed family of ~~saints~~ in heaven for Christ sake amen — —

Hadley — Dec. 5th 1817 — Day after thanksgiving — During the last year God has come very near to us in different ways — the day of October my brothers wife died — the next week they all removed to this place — from the time we had the news of sisters death — mother seemed to fail; her health before was very feeble, and the eleventh day of ~~November~~ she left this world of sin and sorrow, and I hope entered into rest — the solemnity of the scenes which I have lately passd thro' will not I hope soon be forgotten by me — I soon must follow to old age or death or both — — it seems at times as if there

was indeed but a step between me and Death – I most earnestly pray that I may so improve the various dealings of Providence toward me as to be prepared for a peaceful Death – and a happy eternity I pray that I may be excited to greater fidelity to my children – greater zeal in the service of God and devotedness to his service – that I may be less attached to the things of this world and more engaged to seek that honour which cometh from God only –. Mr. H. preaches this afternoon before the Farmers Society the older children are all gone to meeting and afterward expect to spend the evening part at Doctor Porters, the rest at Col. Porters; may it be impressed on their mind that all world[ly] pleasures are vain and may divine grace excite them to seek earnestly to obtain an inheritance incorruptible undefiled and that fadeth not away

Hadley March 15th 1818 - Sabbath day
At home all day, on account of the
bad going - I have been highly favour
-ed in general, with regard to attend
ing meeting - but I have not improv
these priviliges as I ought, it
would be just in God - to deprive
me of all: but blessed be his name
he is still in a way of mercy with
me; our lives and health are
still preserved; how wonderful
it is that our children are all
spared to us; their probationary
state is ~~still~~ still continued; and
their souls are yet within the
reach of mercy: adored be thy
long suffering O Lord God to me
and mine - let it not be I be
such to the aggravation of our

condemnation that we are thu[s]
highly favoured; add another t[o]
greatest of all blessings, that [a]
a heart to improve thy favou[r]
in a suitable manner - life
fast hastening away - perhaps
may soon be call'd away f[rom]
these children, who then will
teach them the knowledge o[f]
God and duty - O my Fat[her]
grant me I pray thee, th[e]
influences of thy Spirit, to [ena-]
ble me to be more faith[ful]
to their precious souls - he[lp]
me to retire with them, a[nd]
plead the promises of a cov[en-]
ant keeping God - and wit[h]
graciously seal instruction
their minds and make th[em]

wiser and better by the means which are used with them. ~~I thank~~ thee for any favour able tokens — continue to bless us, O Lord, and if thou deniest us prosperity in temporal things, if we are straitened in this respect, I pray thee let it teach us that there is nothing here, which can satisfy an immortal mind — and may we be led to secure an inheritance incorruptible undefiled and that fadeth not away — my husband is engag in the Academy: may he be assisted and directed by thine Holy Spirit and enabled to train

up many, who shall do wor-
=thily in the kingdom of our
Divine Redeemer - and may
his labours there and else
where not be in vain - I
commit myself and all I hold
dear into thine hand my
heavenly Father and Redeeme[r]
ever guide guard counsel
and bless us as a family
and fit us to join at last
that glorious society, in thy
heavenly kingdom, where all
shall forever unite in ascribing
glory and honour might and
dominion to him that sitteth
on the throne and unto the Lamb

March 18th 1818 — Theodore's birth day —
To day I have endeavoured to observe as a season of special prayer for this child, have attempted once more to bring him to the Redeemer of lost sinners, and leave him there — pardon gracious Father, I beseech thee, the sins of this day, and hear and answer me, in all the petitions which I have made unto thee ~~this day~~ for Jesus sake — I desire to acknowledge with grat-~~itude~~ thy wonderful goodness to me & mine, and pray thee still to regard us in thy com=passion, — that our souls may all be numbered with thy redeemed ones, and be prepared to spend a happy eternity together in thy kingdom

April 6th 1818 — Monday evening —
Last Thursday, I was taken quite unwell — had a very restless night in the morning sent for the Doctor who thot I was threatened with a typhus fever — that day I endured a great deal of distress — then words in Job 33d 19th were much on my mind — "he is chastened also with pain upon his bed and the multi-tude of his bones with strong pain — my distress contin=ued thro' the night, in the morning the Doctor gave some medicine which relieved me — and ~~thro~~ the blessing of God upon his endeavours I am again com=fortable — and hope tomorrow again to be with my family — yesterday I looked for the passage and read Scotts' commentary upon the chapter — which appears

to be a word in season to me - I hope I shall find this chastisement a benefit to my soul - I have been led to reflect upon my past errors - & I hope have resolved not in my own strength to amend - and first I would begin with guarding against the sin of unbelief or distrust of Providence and endeavour to set the Lord always before me, & consider his hand as concerned in all the concerns of my life - I would also guard against an impatient temper & unreasonable temper & be careful to give offence to none - & tho' I may meet with unkindness and disobedience from those around me - I will endeavour to be more meek and patient - more humble and submissive - the retirement of these few days has afforded me opportunity - & I am thankful God has given me a disposition to attend a little to my own heart - he has given me many favours - he gave me kind attentive friends when sick - relieved me in distress & in a measure has taken off my heart from the world on which it was too much set - & now I fear to go back, knowing my own weakness I dread to meet the trials which await me, even in my own family - I have written this, that by looking at it, I may be preserved from forgetting the great mercy of God in restoring me to comfortable health, and I may constantly rely upon his strength which is made perfect in weakness - O gracious Father may this visitation be the means of quickening me in every duty especially in preparing for my last change - great was thy mercy in sparing me - that my life be devoted to thee for thirty ...

Hadley April 4th 1816 Annual Fast -

When I review my past life; I am astonished at the forbearance and longsuffering of God - only the sins of this day are sufficient forever to separate between a Holy God and my soul - & yet I live and yet my children live - and what is more some of them appear to be seeking salvation one thinks he has found the pearl of great price - O that they may never give over this important work while life lasts - Once more O God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost do I desire to give myself up to thee - receive this sinful backsliding child - O cast me not away but draw me powerfully and make me to walk in the way of thy truth - & may I at last be so unspeakably happy as to stand at thy right hand with all the dear ones thou has given me and ascribe honour and glory and praise to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever amen

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for the relief of the weary and heavy laden - be pleased to bring me back from my wanderings - enclose me in the covenant - and suffer not satan the world or my own corrupt heart any more to lead me away from thee, the only Saviour of wretched sinners - I dare not say I will no more offend, I have such sad experience of the wickedness of my heart, I am afraid almost afraid to resolve - but in thy strength may I not overcome temptation; wilt not thou assist me, and not suffer me to be tempted above what I am able to bear - the last year, thou hast made a great breach in our family - let me be reminded by thy dealings, of the shortness of life, and that death is the end of all flesh - — And now, blessed God, I commit this soul with all its powers and faculties unto thee - make use of me for thy glory and to promote thy kingdom in the world - if it please I entreat that thou wilt make me an instrument of saving good to the souls of my children - thou seest their thoughtlessness and stupidity - Allmighty Father help me to plead for their salvation - and in infinite mercy hear and answer my requests - they are thine - & treat them as thy children, and grant unto my husband myself and children all that assistance that we need to serve thee faithfully while we live that we may be so unspeakably happy at last as to join the glorious family in heaven & be all of us employed thro' eternity in loving serving and praising God and the Redeemer - amen -

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Solemn Covenants
of E.W.P.H.
Renewals and prayers for
her children.

O my dear, my only Saviour, my Allmighty friend in whom I would cheerfully trust – I pray thee banish these gloomy apprehensions – & if I am one of those for whom thou hast died cheer me I pray thee with some token of thy love – truly I have every inducement to love thee; mercies are heaped upon me, another week witnesseth for thee that thou art long suffering O for thy great names sake & thy mercy's sake, make me thankful humble watchful & prayerful; O my Father be not angry with me if I still entreat thee to bless these dear children – thou hast done great and merciful things for them, I pray thee bestow upon them the best of all blessings a contrite heart – and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, may they be faithful and useful while they live, sanctified by thy grace, may they early devote themselves to thee, and flee from all youthful lusts and follies, & O may we all of this family and all that are dear to us finally meet in thy kingdom to rejoice forever in thy glory, and celebrate the praise of thy glorious grace – may all enjoy our sabbaths blessings for Jesus sake amen –

Feby 24th 1810 – There is now therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit – happy condition and happy all those who are in Christ my attention has been rather more engaged in religion ~~than~~ for a while past – but still I find at times the dread of death terrible – the sting of death is sin could I feel that my sins were pardoned death I think would lose some of his terrors but I am so doubtful & unbelieving – that I dare ~~hardly~~ hope at all times that I have an interest in Christ – but at any rate – I am resolved to persevere in seeking mercy – by the assistance of divine grace – and not only for myself but for my dear children Lord Jesus own ~~them~~ all as thine and may they and all dear to us finally be received to thyself ~~...~~ – in a world of glory –

~~grant~~ us all a season of divine comfort in religion on this holy sabbath

March 17th – I am ready to say with Cowper, Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord, where is the soul refreshing view of Jesus and his word – I feel all this & & at times doubt whether I have ever been savingly interested in the merits of Christ – hopefully all this is owing to my own unbelief and sin, which keeps back good things from my soul – my heart is treacherous & when I think of its wanderings, I am

astonished at the patience and long suffer-ing of God towards me - but since he does thus bear with me, why may I not hope that he will grant me, that which most earnestly I desire, salva-tion for myself and my dear children, & friends - this may be all selfishness O Lord! I bring this guilty heart to thee thou art able to cleanse it & make it a dwelling fit for thyself - come then O blessed Spirit, breathe upon my cold af-fections, kindle them into an ardent love for thy self, and zeal for thy glory & O merciful Redeemer, my Saviour, my friend, the portion of my youth, the guide & defence of my riper days, look with a compassionate eye upon my children, give them not up to the enemy of souls, but by thy Allmighty grace renew & sanctify every one of them; may they early become acquainted with thee, that they may have peace in life at death and forever; and may all dear to me be thy friends & follow-ers here, that we at last all unite together with all thy redeemed ones, in ascribing to ye Father, Son, & Holy Ghost all honour thanksgiving & glory forever amen - -

April 14th 1810 - Last Tuesday by the bless-ing of a kind Providence, we entered & took possession of our new habitation -

pleasant and convenient we find it, and wonder why we are thus mercifu[lly] provided for - let all the praise b[e] given to our kind benefactor - and may this house ever be the residence of him who dwelt in the bush - may peace, love, parental faithfu[l]ness - & indeed every Christian gra[ce] abound in this family - hear me O God of my salvation, while I im[-]plore thy blessing once more on these precious children - O let Almighty grace conquer all their cor[-]rupt propensities - and with thou merciful Redeemer, make each of them an everlasting monument of thy all conquering grace - and wilt thou also remember my dear paren[ts] brethren and sisters and their their children - bind up all their souls [I] beseech thee with ours in the sa[me] bundle of eternal life, and when w[e] are call-d to stand before thee in judgment, O may we be found a[t] thy right hand clothed with th[e] spotless robe of the Redeemer's right[e]ousness - that we may glorify thee forever

Middletown April 8th 1814 – Fast day –

Allmighty Father, with some suitable
sense of my guilt and unworthiness, be
pleased to enable me to approach thee,
to renew the dedication of myself to thee
my rightful Sovereign – while year after
year, I have been abusing thy goodness,
thou hast constantly bestowed upon me,
in rich variety, thy benefits – thou art
not weary of doing me good, but dost
abundantly supply my necessities – O
what a kind and merciful God have
I ever served – – but O how little have
I served him – how astonishing is it
that I have not punished as my in-
iquities have deserved – my life &
the lives of my dear family are all
spared – and I would now desire to
devote myself afresh to that precious Saviour
whom I long ago chose as the portion
of my soul – Great Gracious thy repenting
child – blessed Spirit come and sancti-
fy my soul – & O my dear Redeemer
cleanse me completely in thy precious
blood – and prepare me to serve thee
more acceptably than I have ever done
before – shew thyself merciful in subdu-
=ing my sins – & enabling me to do
my duty to all around me – especially
may my desires and endeavours, be
excited to train up my dear children
for thy service here, and glory in heav-
en hereafter – help me to plead with
thee O my covenant God – I can go
no where else – with all my burdens
I would lean on my Saviour – support
comfort and animate me – make me
more humble watchful diligent self deny-
ing and prayerful – and hear me while
I pray – turn not away from the voice
of my supplication – send thy Spirit
into their hearts I beseech thee to renew
and sanctify them, that the whole of
their remaining lives may devoted to thy
glory – and now O God my Portion, Father
Son and Holy Ghost, I am thine, accept
me and bless me, and all whom I love –
let us live, and live to thy praise –
above all things fit us for a peaceful
death and a seat at thy right hand,
and to God only wise, thro' a glorious
mediator shall be given all honour and
glory dominion and praise forever amen –

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Middletown March 24th 1815 Fast day –
Once more, O my gracious God, I approach thee,
and on my knees would renew this solemn surren-
dery of my self unto thee – when I recollect
the forbearance and mercy thou hast exercis-
:ed toward me, notwithstanding all my prov-
:ocations, I am indeed amazed – thy ways are
high above ours else I must long since
have been consigned over to the miseries
of those who are finally lost – but instead
of this thou art not only sparing my life
but a state of probation is still continued
to my dear children, while others are call'd
to see their little ones laid in the grave,
we may still plead for ours, with a
covenant-keeping God – Bless the Lord O
my soul, and strive suitably to improve
these unspeakable benefits – The last
year has not indeed been without its afflic-
tions I find myself again drawing near
to a scene of suffering from which na-
:ture shrinks – but I pray for grace and
patience – and that my God who hath
so often appeared for my deliverance will
again manifest himself for my safety –
the year past I have also been call'd
bury my beloved father – yes that dear
friend is gone – but his patience was
great and he appeared so willing to go –
and to have such a comfort in God's holy
word and promises which it contains, as
seemed to relieve the pain which I must
otherwise have felt – may I be prepared to
follow him whenever my heavenly Father
calls – but I would ask that my life may
yet be continued – and that I may be
enabled to bring up these children for the
service of him, who, I hope, early in life
call'd me, and enabled me to choose
him for my portion – & now O God the
Father God the Son and God the Holy
Ghost, be pleased to assist me, while
I attempt to resign myself soul and body
with all my powers and faculties, to thee
to thee I belong O make me to feel it
more sensibly and live more agreeably
to the sacred obligation I am under –
preserve me I pray thee from being unsubmis-
:sive – and impatient, but make me to
see thy hand in quietness and patience
to leave all my interests with thee for
time and eternity – I would once more plead
with thee for my dear children O my Fa-
:ther, if I am thy child, I beseech thee
make them all thine also – O my dear
Saviour all my hope is in thee, cast me
not from thee – bless me this year also –
and let me serve thee in time to come
more faithfully and acceptably than I have
ever done before – and thus may we all be fitted
for thy kingdom above for Jesus sake amen
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Hadley Jany. 2d 1819 - Saturday evening

This paper has been long neglected - what changes have taken place since I last wrote upon it. my dear parents have gone the way of all the earth and we have taken possession of their habitation - we have been bro't along safely to this time, and what is very remarkable - we have never been call'd to mourn the loss of any of our children - our eldest son entered college last commencement, at Cambridge - and is now at home; our family has been highly favoured the the year past, the king of terrors has not been suffered to enter our family, and we are all in health and comfort - our temporal wants have been supplied, abundantly, and we have very great occasion to speak of the goodness of God with heartfelt gratitude and praise - but this colden=feeling heart, refuses that tribute to the best of Fathers, when I reflect upon my unworthiness and guilt I am astonished at the forbearance of God - has he done so much, and will he leave me to perish at last - O that I might be enabled to lay hold of the promises which are made to those that seek salvation and not continue in this state of stupidity any longer, O blessed Spirit come into my heart, and the hearts of my children and awaken us all to a sense of the obligations we are under to serve

and love the Lord, what has not Jesus done for sinners? - he hath died for their redemption - and it is thro' him we receive all our temporal blessings - and yet we forget him, and set our hearts on temporal things - O for Allmighty grace to conquer this sinfulness and to make our hearts all a residence for the Holy Spirit - - I come to thee compassionate Saviour, were any ever rejected who came to thee for help - hear me I beseech thee and bless me and all mine - may our lives this year be continued, and made useful - and may another new year find us in a ~~state~~ faithfully employed in promoting the cause of religion - and ~~in for~~ the glory of God - but O Lord God, thou only knowest what the events of this year will be - whether in life or in death may we be the Lords and may this family all be so unspeakably blessed as to meet at last in thy heavenly kingdom forever to praise and adore the wonders of redeeming love - and all the glory shall be ascribed to the Father Son and Holy Spirit both now and forever ~~amen~~ amen -

Sabbath day - Jany. 24th 1819 -
The riding being very muddy and two horses gone to Greenfield, we all stay at home - I endeavour to instruct the younger children - - but find it difficult to make any impression upon their hearts - O divine Spirit, renew them by thy grace - soften and convert them their hard hearts - and be pleased to make me more sensible of my own duty in teaching them, - and with those rouse me to greater faithfulness and diligence thou art giving me leisure, I beseech thee not to suffer me to misimprove it and thus bring guilt upon my own soul and ruin upon my children I desire to commit all my concerns into thy blessed hands - continue to be my kind Father and friend, and bless me and all mine, in life and death and thro' eternity - for the sake of Jesus Christ our glorious Redeemer to whom with the Father and the Spirit shall be all glory and dominion forever amen - -

Hadley Feby 4th 1819 This day I am forty years old - how swiftly has my life passed - and every succeeding year seems shorter than the last - how have I improved the last year, is a question highly important; the answer indeed is far from what it ought to be - every year of my life has been fill'd up with sin, and crowned with the bounties of divine Providence - strange ingratitude - and wonderful condescension and forbearance of a gracious God - before another year is completed, what will be my condition? - possibly my soul may be in the eternal world, and my state of probation forever closed - a most trying season is approaching - and what the event will be is known only to God I pray that my life unprofitable as it is may be continued - and that I may be enabled to spend my time more entirely in the service of God - that I may have more abundant communications of the blessed Spirit to enable me to do my duty to the children whom God hath given me, that I may not any longer endanger my own soul, and be the means of their final ruin - nothing but thy grace can prevent - be pleased to stretch out thine arm of mercy for my salvation and that of my dear children - that we may all be so unspeakably blessed as to meet in thy kingdom to dwell forever together in thy presence, for Jesus sake amen